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## LETTER TO LOUIS PHILIPPE.

To His Majesty Louis Philippe, King of the French.

Sire,—The American Peace Society having heard of the admirable sentiments uttered in favor of peace by your Majesty at the audience graciously given on the 20th of July last, to the Deputation from the late Universal Peace Convention in London, and being deeply impressed with the pacific policy that has characterized your reign from its commencement to the present hour, beg leave most respectfully to express our high and grateful sense of the manner in which your Majesty's power and influence have been exerted in preserving the peace of Christendom.

Elevated to the throne of a warlike and most powerful nation, we have beheld with just admiration your Majesty, when urged to war by the strongest influences, firmly resisting them all, and standing forth the conservator of peace to Europe, and thereby the friend and benefactor of the whole human race. We congratulate your Majesty on the enviable glory of a career fraught with so vast a variety of blessings to mankind; and in the name, not only of the Society we represent, but of all America, and of universal humanity, we desire to render your Majesty this tribute of our admiration, as the chief pacificator of Christendom.

Permit us, illustrious sire, to invoke the continuance of these beneficent services. Well has your Majesty said, that "peace is the great want of the world;" and we know of no other monarch so able to promote this object with success. Your Majesty understands best by what means it can be most effectually secured; but, recalling the instances of successful arbitration mentioned by your Majesty to the Deputation from the Peace Convention, and the emphatic approbation there given to the principle itself, we would earnestly solicit your royal aid to induce all civilized nations to adopt this mode of settling their difficulties as a part of their treaties and of international law. Such a course, we conceive, would well become the descendant of Henry IV, that monarch of blessed and glorious memory, who formed the project of uniting all Europe in a confederacy of perpetual peace; but whose premature death arrested him in the execution of his noble scheme; and continuing those pacific measures which have hitherto contributed so much to the happiness of France, the tranquillity of Europe, and the welfare of the world, future ages will award to Louis Philippe a meed of glory that could never have been won by a thousand battles, and each a victory.

On behalf of the American Peace Society, we subscribe ourselves, with most profound respect, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servants,

Samuel E. Coues, *President,*
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*Boston, U. S. A., Jan.,* 1844.

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## WANT OF FUNDS.

We have of late said little of our pecuniary condition; and not a few seem to imagine, that the operations indispensable to success in this cause, require little, if any funds, and excuse themselves partly on this ground, and partly on the supposition, that the mass of the community contribute to this enterprise as they do to others. The fact, however, is that not one in a hundred, scarcely one in a thousand of the contributors to other causes of benevolence, give any thing to this; and hence the necessity of *liberal* donations from those who take a real, heart-felt interest in our movement.

Our friends ought to know our pecuniary wants. We seldom receive any thing except in response to the application of our agents; and inasmuch as the London Convention absorbed so large a part of their time, and added not a little to our ordinary expenses, our receipts for the year just closed, have fallen considerably short of our expenditures. Nor has this resulted from a want of economy, or from any undue enlargment of our operations. We do not believe that an equal degree of economy is practised in any enterprise of benevolence or reform; for all our receipts the last three or four years would hardly average one cent for every tract page of peace matter that we have in one way or another, brought before the community.

The Society in England raised for the Convention alone a *special* fund quite equal to our entire income the last year; and yet we bore our full share in the labors and expenses of that Convention. We could not well curtail our operations at home without abandoning the cause itself; and we ought, if we would hope for any considerable degree of success, to enlarge them four-fold. Yet we cannot continue our present scale without an increase of liberality on the part of our friends; and we are at this moment in urgent want of funds for the continuance of those who are now in our service, for issuing a number of much needed publications, and for a wider circulation of our periodical, and of cheap, popular tracts and volumes.

A large amount of funds we do not expect; but cannot our friends furnish us some $5,000 or more a year? For all that our Society has done, and especially for what it is now doing, can they not afford us a sum so small? Will they not contribute their generous free-will offerings, and accept as their reward, the blessing promised by the God of peace upon the peace-maker?

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☞ The Peace Society of Rhode Island having appropriated funds for the purpose, we shall, for the present, send the Advocate to *all* the ministers in that State, and perhaps to an equal number in the Western States, who are hereby requested to accept them as a gift from that Society.

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